538 inherits the kingdom, or at least half of it. The elevation
829 of the poorest to the throne is a commonplace in these folk tales. Moreover, it is the prize of the daring and enterprising spirit.

538 The word, once spoken, is holy and breachers of faith
577 (such as breakers of the marriage vow) are severely punished. Boundaries and personal property are respected likewise, and the right of hospitality is granted even by the forces of the dark.

517 The transmission of folk "literature" among the people
538 is exclusively oral. When the sun sets in the evening and the peasants' day of hard labor has ended, they gather in their homes or in front of the house or the cellar in the open air and, while they perhaps do light handwork such as corn husking, feather plucking, or spinning, they discuss the day's activities and sing, especially the women, and tell stories. Men are believed to be better story tellers. Everyone in the group participates in this amusement and everyone seems to know a story the others don't know. Those respected people who are especially gifted singers and story tellers, called